REMARKS

Summary of the Amendment

Upon entry of the present Amendment, Claims 1, 8, and 16 will have been amended. Accordingly, Claims 1-14 and 16 remain pending in the present application. By the present Amendment and Remarks, Applicant submits that the rejections and objections have been overcome, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action and allowance of the present application.

Traversal of Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of Claims 1-14 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over QIAO in view of SUGAHARA. Assuming arguendo that the combination is proper, Applicant submits that the cited references, singularly or in combination, do not teach all the features of the rejected claims.

Independent Claims 1, 8, and 16

Applicant's independent Claims 1, and similarly Claims 8 and 16, as amended recite, *inter alia*, ... requesting each of the plurality of information processing apparatuses on the network to provide at least information about application software that is running on each of the plurality of information processing apparatuses; examining that application software that has a specific process name is running on each of the plurality of information processing apparatuses based on the information provided from the respective information processing apparatuses through the network. The present invention requests information about application software running on the client computer and examines whether specific processes associated with that application software are running on the client computer so as to control the power supplying state of the data processing apparatus.

On the other hand, QIAO discloses determining whether of not a client computer on a network is running by monitoring network packets, and transitions the power supplying state of the printer in accordance with that determination result. Further it discloses that the sources are described in the header of the network packets. However, the packet source monitored and

analyzed in QIAO includes information indicating a source host computer, but the information is not about a process name of application software. Therefore, QIAO examines, at best, whether or not a client computer is running and/or the client computer has issued a print job. QIAO never obtains information about application software running on the client computer. In other words, QIAO only examines an operational status on a client computer basis, but does not examine an operational status on an application software basis like the present invention. Additionally, the present invention requests information regarding application software running on the client computer in order to anticipate future printing activity, QIAO, on the other hand, only monitors network packets already issued by the client computer and therefore can not anticipate a future print job.

SUGAHARA , likewise, does not describe the above cited features. SUGARHARA merely discloses a status monitor installed in a client computer to monitor a print job status and a job observation stationary module installed in a server computer to monitor a print job.

Because QIAO and SUGAHARA fail to disclose the above-noted features of the present invention, Applicant submits that QIAO and SUGAHARA fail to disclose each and every feature of the present invention as recited in Independent Claims 1, 8, and 16. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection of Independent Claims 1, 8, and 16 be withdrawn.

Dependent Claims 2-7 and 9-14

Applicant further submits that dependent Claims 2-7 and 9-14 are allowable at least for the reason that these claims depend from allowable independent Claims 1 and 8 and because these claims recite additional features that further define the present invention. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Application is Allowable

Applicant respectfully submits that each and every pending claim on the present invention meets the requirements for patentability and respectfully requests the Examiner to indicate allowance of such claims.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that none of the references of record anticipate or render obvious the Applicant's invention as recited in Claims 1-14 and 16. The applied reference of record has been discussed and distinguished, while the significant claimed features of the present invention have been pointed out.

Further, any amendments to the claims which have been made in this response and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

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